Pallivasal Hydro Electric Scheme.

160. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether, in connection with the Pallivasal Hydro Electric Scheme, a power house is now being newly built;

(*b*) if so, to whom was its contract given and whether it was given after inviting tenders for it;

(*c*) whether its construction is being continued from Meenam 1113, if not the reason therefor;

(*d*) the period by which the Government expect the construction of the power house to be completed;

(*e*) the date stipulated in the contract for the completion of the power house;

(*f*) whether Mr. L. H. Jacob, Executive Engineer, Quilon has also been appointed in connection with the Pallivasal Hydro Electric works in addition to a special residential Engineer; and

(*g*) if so, its necessity?

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The contract was given to Messrs. General Construction Co., after inviting tenders.

(*c*) No. Construction of the building was suspended some time to settle the rates for certain items of extra work. The work was resumed from the middle of Medom 1113 *i. e.*, 1st May 1938.

(*d*) End of Medom 1114/Middle of May 1939.

(*e*) By 5th February 1939 *i. e.*, end of Makaram 1114.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*f*)

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government the reasons which weighed with Government for the appointment of a special Commissioner to enquire into the official conduct of the Resident Engineer?

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT: Sir, I may say that matter is *sub judice*.

PRESIDENT: Order, order. An enquiry is pending now and the matter is *sub judice*. The result of the enquiry will follow soon.

Bridges built since Mr. Truscott beca ne Chief Engineer.

161. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement giving information on the following points in connection with the bridges built at a cost of over Rs. 20,000 since Mr. Truscott became the Chief Engineer of Travancore;

(i) the names of the bridges

(ii) the roads on which and the mile stones between which they stand;

(iii) the persons to whom the contracts for constructing them were or are given; and

(iv) of the bridges thus constructed, those which have bee completed without any defects?

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